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SUBJ: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

EASTER WEEK PROVIDED A BRIEF RESPITE FROM THE PREVIOUSLY HECTIC PACE OF EVENTS.
SYDNEY'S BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS CONTINUED APACE IN THE FINAL WEEK WITH THE APPEARANCE OF LIBERACE PLAYING THE SRO AUDIENCES AND GEORGE BURNS ATTENDING A SPECIAL BENEFIT PERFORMANCE OF "THE SUNSHINE BOYS". BOTH RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE MEDIA COVERAGE. THE ROYAL EASTER SHOW IN SYDNEY, ONE OF THE PREMIER EVENTS OF THE YEAR, WAS THE VENUE FOR USIS VIDEOTAPES. FEATURED WERE "IF YOU WANT TO STUDY IN THE U.S. ", "COLORADO'S NEWEST UNIVERSITY". "PRINCETON -- A SEARCH FOR ANSWERS", AND "JAZZ MUSEUM". ALL WERE SHOWN ON 49 INCH SONY VIDEOPROJECTOR. MORE THAN A HALF MILLION PEOPLE PASSED THROUGH SHOW'S TURNSTILES AND THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT REPORTED THE USIS EXHIBIT WELL ATTENDED.
PERTH WEIGHT IN WITH A STELLAR JOB ON THE VISIT OF THE USS OKLAHOMA CITY, FLAGSHIP OF THE SEVENTH FLEET. EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE IS BEING GIVEN THE VISIT (INCLUDING ONE EXTREMELY FAVORABLE EDITORIAL BASED
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LARGELY ON USIS SUPPLIED MATERIALS REPORTED BY U.S.

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INFO). A MINOR INCIDENT WAS AVERTED WHEN A LOCAL LABOR UNION THREATENED TO REFUSE TO WORK THE BERTHING OF THE SHIP IF IT WERE NUCLEAR POWERED OR CARRIED NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE UNION WAS REASSURED IT WAS CONVENTIALLY POWERED AND FIRMLY TOLD THE U.S. DOES NOT COMMENT ON THE PRESENCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE SHIP'S BAND HAS BEEN PLAYING BENEFIT PERFORMANCES IN OPEN-AIR CONCERTS AND A CHARITY PERFORMANCE, AND THE USUAL ROUTINE OF CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS BY THE CREW ARE BUILDING CONSIDERABLE GOOD WILL. PRIME MINISTER FRASER WILL PLACE HIS SEAL OF APPROVAL ON THE VISIT WITH A COURTESY CALL ON ADMIRAL HAYWARD.

ALS FROM PERTH, THE WIFE/HUSBAND TEAM OF SENATOR AND MR. COLEMAN DEPARTED FOR THE U.S. ON JOINT IV GRANTS. MOUNT

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